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1. The Rumanians have built field fortifications in the Banat all along their Yugoslav frontier, between the point where the Danube first touches Yugoslav soil and the Hungarian frontier. These are really more than field fortifications though they are described only as such. They are of concrete, constituting a series of strong points, echeloned in depth. Their purpose is to cover the important road junctions at Timisoara (Temesvár) and the whole marshy plain, which runs all the way to the supporting massif of the Transylvanian Alps.
2. There is now a motorized division at Arad and another at Lipova, divisional names and numbers unknown. Both of these are constantly kept at full strength. Frequent maneuvers take place between the frontier and the Timisoara-Szeged road. Several brigades of Graniceri (frontier guards) and regiments of the "Politia de Securitate" reinforce regular army units permanently, in the Banat.
3. Farther to the south, the Danube represents a natural moat (source describes it as a "rampart"), with supporting fortifications, though this network is not so dense as that in the Banat. This defensive system extends to the defile of the Iron Gates.
4. Work on these fortifications has been pushed ever since announcement was made of conversations between the Yugoslav, Greek, and Turkish staffs.

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